

Remarks:

Applicant confirms the Examiner's acknowledgement of the election to proceed with prosecution of inventions of Group II.

The specification has been objected to due to a typographical error relating to the date of the *Berg et al* reference. The specification has been amended to correctly state that the date of the reference is 1937. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

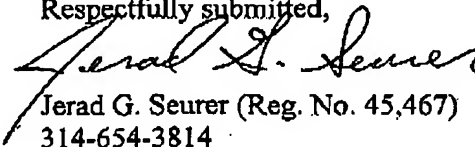
Claims 10-12 and 25-41 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Office has asked for clarification of the phrase "using a compound of the following formula as a CO source and as a reducing agent". The Claims 10 and 34 both recite a limitation of "using" a compound in the preparation of a transition metal carbonyl complex. This "using" limitation of Claim 10 includes: (1) using a compound of the respective claimed formula; (2) using that compound as a CO source; and (3) using that compound as a reducing agent. Claims 10 and 34 have been amended to clarify that the use as a CO source refers to CO being released from the compound. Further, Claims 10 and 34 have been amended to clarify that the use as a reducing agent refers to reduction of a metal (with which the resultant transition metal carbonyl complex is to be formed) by a hydride substituent attached to boron. Accordingly, it is asserted that the language of Claims 10 and 34 is definite, and as such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Moreover, since Claims 1, 25-33 and 35-41 depend from one of Claims 10 and 34, withdrawal of the rejection of those claims is respectfully requested as well.

Claims 10-12 and 25-33 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Office has asked for clarification of "R" and R_y . Applicant has amended Claim 10 to more clearly convey that "R" is a constituent that includes a carbon atom, and this constituent is bound via that carbon atom to the nitrogen or oxygen. As Claim 10 previously stated and currently states, "x and y are integers and $x+y=3$ ". Accordingly, the term " R_y " refers to a constituent that includes a carbon atom, that is bound via the carbon atom to the nitrogen or oxygen, and that includes a quantity of "y" R's. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 10, as it currently stands, is definite in light of 35 USC §112.

Claim 16 has been objected to due to an inadvertent inclusion of two typographical errors. Claim 16 has been amended to correct those errors, thus obviating the objection.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of the allowability of Claims 16-19. It is believed that, in addition to Claims 16-19, Claims 10-12 and 25-42 are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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